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SUBJECT: SOMOZA REPORTEDLY TO VISIT SAN FRANCISCO

1. DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED FROM CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS THAT GENERAL ANASTASIO SOMOZA D. PLANS TO ATTEND EARTHQUAKE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN SAN FRANCISCO NOVEMBER 29-30. SEVERAL CABINET MINISTERS (RUGAMA, J.J. MARTINEZ, VALLE OLIVARES) AND A PARTY OF UNDETERMINED SIZE WILL ACCOMPANY.

2. CONFERENCE BEING ORGANIZED BY EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND SUPPORTED IN PART BY A GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION. IT IS BEING CO-SPONSORED BY NICARAGUAN MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SEVERAL US PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS. PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE IS TO PRESENT THE FINDINGS OF THE MANY US AND FOREIGN ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE DECEMBER 23 EARTHQUAKE. GENERAL SOMOZA HAS REPORTEDLY ACCEPTED INVITATION TO ADDRESS A LUNCHEON ON NOVEMBER 30.

3. ELEVEN CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS WILL TRAVEL TO
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NICARAGUA IN EARLY DECEMBER AT INVITATION AND EXPENSE

OF GON TO PROVIDE MINI-CONFERENCE TO INTERESTED
NICARAGUANS UNABLE TO ATTEND SAN FRANCISCO MEETING
4. CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS HAVE INFORMED US THAT LANICA
WILL OPERATE A SPECIAL FLIGHT TO SAN FRANCISCO ARRIVING
NOVEMBER 27. THEY HAVE ASKED IF EMBASSY COULD ASCERTAIN
SIZE OF NICARAGUAN GROUP TO BE EXPECTED. THEIR
INFORMATION VARIES FROM 40 TO 100 AND A MORE EXACT
FIGURE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. DEPARTMENT WILL OF COURSE
ARRANGE APPROPRIATE CUSTOMS COURTESIES AT PORT OF
ENTRY UPON RECEIPT OF TRAVEL PLANS.

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